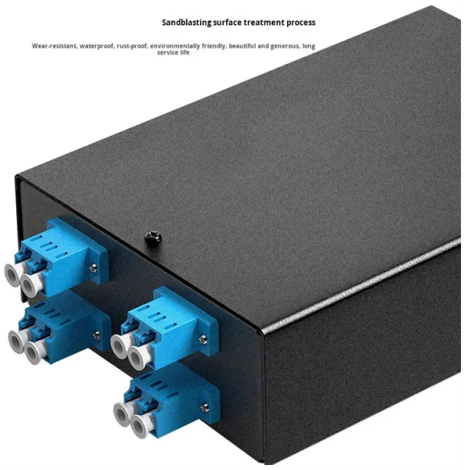
How many kilowatts should the secondary distribution box be equipped with



Overview

The document provides details for designing the electrical distribution box and circuits for a residence. It includes specifications for the main circuit breaker such as size, type, and tripping capacity.

Key Takeaways

The kilowatt capacity of a secondary distribution box depends on the connected load, but typical secondary transformers and distribution panels handle from a few kilowatts for residential use up to several megawatts for large commercial or networked systems.

Residential and Small Commercial Loads

For standard residential or small commercial buildings, secondary distribution boxes are fed by low-voltage transformers that step down medium voltage (typically 5–35 kV) to utilization voltages such as 120/240 V in the US or 230/400 V in Europe. Typical residential transformers range from 25 kVA to 100 kVA, which corresponds roughly to 20–80 kW of available power, depending on the power factor and load diversity. The secondary distribution box is sized to handle the total expected load of the building, including lighting, HVAC, and appliances.

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Large Commercial or Industrial Loads

For high-density or critical facilities, such as high-rise buildings, shopping malls, or industrial plants, secondary distribution boxes are part of a networked system supplied by multiple primary feeders and transformers. Spot networks can supply loads up to 25 MVA, with secondary buses operating at 480Y/277 V in North America. In these cases, the secondary distribution box must be rated to handle hundreds to thousands of kilowatts, depending on the number of feeders and the total connected load.

Factors Affecting Required Kilowatts

Voltage Level: The secondary voltage (e.g., 120/240 V single-phase or 400 V three-phase) determines the current rating for a given kilowatt load. Number of Phases: Three-phase systems can carry more power with lower current per conductor, allowing higher kilowatt ratings for the same equipment size. Load Type and Diversity: Continuous loads, peak loads, and diversity factors influence the sizing of the secondary distribution box.

Reliability Requirements: Critical facilities may use dual-bus or looped configurations to ensure uninterrupted service, which affects the sizing of breakers and busbars.

Practical Sizing

Residential: 20–80 kW per secondary panel, depending on building size and appliances. Small Commercial: 100–500 kW, often with three-phase service.

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Industrial: 500 kW to several MW, often using multiple transformers and networked secondary buses. In summary, the kilowatt requirement for a secondary distribution box is highly dependent on the total connected load, voltage, phase configuration, and reliability needs. Proper sizing ensures safe operation, prevents overloads, and maintains power quality for end users.

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